Ministry of Tourism, Government of India had sanctioned a project-Development of Heritage & Ecotourism Resort at Majuli for Rs. 382.25 lakh to the Government of Assam in the year 2002-03.

Promotion of tourism in BTAD

819. SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to boost up tourist spot being a tourist potential area of the Bodoland Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD) as well as Indo-Bhutan border;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons for not making any arrangement for the tourist spot;

(d) how many projects have been taken up by Government during the financial year *i.e.* 2007-08 and 2008-09 in the country and completion status stage of those projects;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits which are identified in consultation and interaction with them and sanctioned subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 3 projects for BTAD in Assam *viz:*

1. Circuit Development of Manas - Guwahati - Kaziranga for Rs. 781-00 lakh in 2005-06 out of which the amount allocated for Manas is Rs. 153.00 lakh
2. Eco Tourism Development at Kokrajhar for Rs. 460.00 lakh in 2005-06
3. Development of Tourist Circuit Dhubari-Mahamaya-Barpeta-Hajo for Rs. 497.94 lakh in 2007-08 out of which Rs. 107.83 lakh was allocated for Bodoland areas such as Mahamaya Dham, Khoraghat in Bogribari; Chakrashila and Gosaigaon

(d) to (f) A Statewise list showing number of projects sanctioned along with the total Central Financial Assistance (CFA) given to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 is at given in the Statement (*See* below).

Implementation of projects is the responsibility of the State Government. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India monitors the progress of the projects front time to tune. The balance fund for a project is released only on receipt of completion/utilization certificate in respect of the installment released earlier for it.

Statement

Details of number of projects sanctioned/CFA given to the States/Union Territory Administrations in the years 2007-08 and 2008-09

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	State/Union Territory	Number of Projects Sanctioned in 2007-08	Amount Sanctioned in 2008-09	Number of Projects sanctioned in 2007-08	Amount Sanctioned in 2008-09
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9	2629.48	7	9980.58
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10	3330.12	13	3147.74
3.	Assam	5	1271.90	4	2107.61
4.	Bihar	3	1194.75	7	1578.38
5.	Chandigarh	2	20.00	4	568.11
6.	Chhattisgarh	4	1274.09	0	0
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	3	24.88
8.	Daman & Diu	0	0	1	12.50
9.	Delhi	7	749.08	1	15.00
10.	Goa	0	0	1	5.00
11.	Gujarat	5	576.58	7	2133.66
12.	Haryana	11	2260.27	7	2485.49
13.	Himachal Pradesh	12	2286.22	9	2977.66
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	36	6851.15	22	4346.53
15.	Jharkhand	7	1130.47	0	0
16.	Kerala	10	3124.31	9	3207.68
17.	Karnataka	5	2004.71	4	4273.21
18.	Lakshawadeep	1	782.73	0	0
19.	Maharashtra	5	1279.44	3	4110.05
20.	Manipur	5	1110.77	8	2497.59
21.	Meghalaya	2	674.40	6	1238.54
22.	Mizoram	5	1692.94	4	318.38
23.	Madhya Pradesh	16	3952.66	9	2687.41

1	2	3	4	5	6
24.	Nagaland	21	2241.35	9	2544.66
25.	Orissa	12	2376.30	5	3748.42
26.	Puducherry	6	1610.88	3	25.00
27.	Punjab	1	397.89	2	1745.10
28.	Rajasthan	2	1554.46	6	2179.19
29.	Sikkim	27	6036.48	18	6685.85
30.	Tamil Nadu	13	2831.80	15	3246.14
31.	Tripura	11	1110.76	6	360.94
32.	Uttar Pradesh	7	2833.03	3	2416.15
33.	Uttarakhand	5	2081.04	2	2891.36
34.	West Bengal	12	3243.17	7	2851.73
	GRAND TOTAL	277	64513.23	205	76410.54

Survey of potential places for tourism

820. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a detailed study and survey of potential places for Tourism in India;

(b) if so, what are the details of such places;

(c) what are the short term and long term projects to develop tourism in India and the financial and other resources required therefor;

(d) whether there will be a time-frame to execute these projects; and

(e) whether there are any constraints in promoting Tourism with retrospective effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance for project proposals submitted by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations that are complete as per scheme guidelines, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

During the year 2007-08, the Ministry of Tourism sanctioned Rs.645.13 crore for 277 tourism projects to various State Governments/ UT Administrations for development and promotion of tourism.

Tourism project in Maharashtra

821. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state: